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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 23 March 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Wisner, Wolf, Becker, [redacted] Amory, [redacted]

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted a cable [redacted] concerning Sherman Kent's visit there on his forthcoming trip. Mr. Becker stated it had already been decided that Kent would not go to [redacted] and Mr. Wisner asked [redacted] to so advise the Senior Representative.

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b. Noted an article in today's NEW YORK TIMES (Page 10-c) respecting "Guerrilla Reports Albania Coup Plan", and in view of [redacted] recent trip to Yugoslavia asked [redacted] to have prepared a memorandum for DD/I, for subsequent forwarding to Mr. Cutler, on the alleged 50,000 guerrillas said to be plotting revolution against the Moscow-directed Communist Government of Albania.

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d. Stated he had been informed by Mr. Cutler to be prepared to give about a ten minute briefing on Indo-China at the NSC Meeting on 25 March. Mr. Becker undertook to prepare this briefing and noted that he would also furnish Mr. Wisner a round-up of information on the current "Russian Peace Offensive", together with notes on the volume of the "Hate America and BW Campaign" conducted by the Soviets since Malenkov assumed office.

e. Referred to the proposed analysis of foreign public opinion on the death of Stalin and his replacement by Malenkov, and asked Mr. [redacted] to arrange a conference in the Director's Conference Room during the early part of next week with representatives of State, Defense, MSA, PSB and CIA. The following people were suggested to attend this conference: State - Park Armstrong; Defense - Ed Black and Tyler Port, or whomsoever the JSPD might wish to nominate; MSA - [redacted] to contact Jack Ohly regarding nominees; PSB - [redacted]; CIA - Messrs. Wisner, Becker, [redacted]. The purpose of this conference will be to discuss the responsibility for making this analysis, as well as financial responsibility.

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f. Referred to the article in the current issue of the ATLANTIC MAGAZINE on CIA and asked [redacted] to pull together a rebuttal on this piece.

g. Asked [redacted] to determine whether the Director had been in

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Mr. Wisner (Continued):

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Mr. Wolf:

a. Remarked that several allegations had been made that CIA was employing a number of the cast-offs of the outgoing administration and while such was not the case he had advised the AD/Personnel to bring to his attention any applicant who might be considered in the above category. Mr. Wisner expressed the opinion that we had to watch this one carefully; however, all applicants for positions should be considered on their own merits.

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a. Reported that a letter to the Chairman of the ICIS had been prepared in response to a query from this group as to what this Agency was doing to prevent the introduction of fissionable material into the US by the Soviets, and after some discussion undertook to clear this letter with [Redacted] before it is presented to Mr. Wisner for signature.

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